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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. CANADA RELUCTANT TO RESUME CAMBODIA ICC ROLE

AN OFFICIAL OF THE CANADIAN MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS HAS TOLD EMBASSY OTTAWA THAT CANADA IS VERY RELUCTANT TO BECOME INVOLVED AGAIN IN A CEASEFIRE SUPERVISORY ROLE IN CAMBODIA. CANADA FEELS THAT THE 1954 GENEVA AGREEMENT IS NOW UNSUITABLE AS A BASIS FOR A SUPERVISORY SYSTEM, THAT IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT THE MANDATE FOR THE 1954 AGREEMENT CAN BE STRETCHED TO COVER THE NEW SITUATION, AND THAT CANADA IS NOT A CANDIDATE FOR PARTICIPATION IN A NEW CAMBODIA AGREEMENT. (CONFIDENTIAL) OTTAWA 1652, 7/18.

2. THAILAND ASKS ABOUT US INTENTIONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

ON BEHALF OF THE PRIME MINISTER, THE THAI DEPUTY FOREIGN

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MINISTER HAS ASKED EMBASSY BANGKOK TO RELAY TO WASHINGTON

THREE QUESTIONS: WHAT ARE THE US INTENTIONS REGARDING CAMBODIA AFTER AUGUST 15? WHAT ARE THE US INTENTIONS

REGARDING THE AIR BASES IN THAILAND? WHAT ARE THE US PLANS FOR REEQUIPPING THE THAI ARMED FORCES? AMBASSADOR UNGER BELIEVES WE SHOULD BRIEF THE THAI ON OUR PLANS AS COMPLETELY AS POSSIBLE AND SHOULD TAKE A HARD LOOK AT INCREASING MILITARY ASSISTANCE. (SECRET) BANGKOK 11025, 7/18 (EXDIS).

3. FRENCH PROPOSE LINKING TRADE AND MONETARY NEGOTIATIONS

A SENIOR EC COMMISSION OFFICIAL HAS CONFIRMED TO OUR MISSION IN BRUSSELS THAT THE FRENCH HAVE PROPOSED TO THE COMMUNITY THAT THE GATT MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD NOT BEGIN UNTIL THE MONETARY RELATIONSHIPS PREVAILING AFTER THE MARCH REALIGNMENTS ARE RESTORED. THE FRENCH HAVE RECEIVED LITTLE SUPPORT AS THE OTHER EC MEMBERS FEEL THIS POSITION IS UNREASONABLE SINCE IT WOULD MEAN THAT THE RECENT DM REVALUATION WOULD HAVE TO BE UNDONE, ALTHOUGH THE FRENCH CONCERN IS OBVIOUSLY THE DOLLAR. THE OFFICIAL DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THE FRENCH POSITION WOULD PREVAIL. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) EC BRUSSELS 4070, 7/18.

4. EC CONCERNED OVER US AGRICULTURAL EXPORT CONTROLS

EC COMMISSIONER LARDINOIS HAS EXPRESSED TO OUR MISSION IN BRUSSELS THE GRAVE VIEW THE COMMUNITY TAKES OF THE WORLD SHORTAGE OF PROTEIN AND THE US EXPORT CONTROLS. LARDINOIS NOTED THE THESIS CURRENT IN THE EC THAT THE WORLD HAS MOVED FROM A SURPLUS TO A SCARCITY IN BASIC AGRICULTURAL COMMITIES AND THAT THE COMMUNITY MUST PROTECT ITSELF AS BEST IT CAN IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD. HE ALSO CITED THE DANGER THAT THE WORLD TRADING SYSTEM AS WE KNOW IT WOULD BE DEFORMED OR DESTROYED IF THE SHORT-TERM US EMERGENCY ACTION SHOULD BECOME THE SECRET

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EC BRUSSELS 4086, 7/18.

5. THE SHAH REBUKES THE SOVIETS

IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARI HAS TOLD EMBASSY TEHRAN OF THE SHAH'S REACTION TO TWO ISSUES RECENTLY RAISED BY THE SOVIETS: SOVIET CONCERN OVER ARMS

PURCHASES BY IRAN, SAUDI ARABIA AND KUWAIT; AND THE
RESURGENCE OF CENTO. REGARDING ARMS PURCHASES THE SHAH

CHIDED THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR FOR PRESUMING TO RAISE SUCH
AN ISSUE WITH A SOVEREIGN STATE. REGARDING CENTO, HE
LEFT THE IMPRESSION THAT THE ALLIANCE WAS REALLY
INSURANCE AGAINST THE CHINESE. (SECRET) TEHRAN 5011,
7/18 (EXDIS).

6. VENEZUELA AND CUBA NEARING AGREEMENT ON OIL

EMBASSY CARACAS RECOMMENDS THAT IF VENEZUELA RESUMES
PETROLEUM TRADE WITH CUBA THE DEPARTMENT DELAY THE
APPLICATION OF AID PROGRAM SUSPENSION IF AT ALL
POSSIBLE. PRESIDENT CALDERA IS IN THE MIDST OF A
HEATED PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION AND ANY US RETALIATION
WILL PROVIDE A PRETEXT "TO MAKE HIMSELF AN APPARENT
MARTYR FOR REASONS OF POLITICAL EXPEDIENCY".
(SECRET) CARACAS 6168, 7/18 (EXDIS). RUSH

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